

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

According to the present invention, an image processing apparatus is provided for inputting moving image data composed of a plurality of frames, for detecting definitions of a plurality of frames in the moving image data and a range of successive frames indicating an image similar to that of the image of the frame which is arbitrarily designated among the moving image data, and for selecting one of the frames in the moving image data which is inputted based on the definition and the similarity range.